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AMEMBASSY MONTEVIDEO

AMEMBASSY BRASILIA

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SUBJECT: LAFTA MEETING

REF: BA-4078 AND BA-5912

1. THE FIRST OF THREE MEETINGS DESIGNED TO RESTRUCTURE LAFTA AND STIMULATE THE LATIN AMERICAN INTEGRATION MOVEMENT ENDED IN BUENOS AIRES ON AUGUST 27TH.

2. COMATT DISCUSSED RESULTS OF MEETING WITH LAFTA EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, PASCUAL MARTINEZ, WHO SAID HE FELT ENCOURAGED THAT MEMBER COUNTRIES HAD SHOWN THE WILL TO MOVE AHEAD WITH THE UNCLASSIFIED

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INTEGRATION PROCESS. HE SAID HE FELT THIS MEETING AND TWO

LATER ONES, TO BE HELD IN QUITO AND MONTEVIDEO, WOULD RESULT IN A RESUMPTION OF PROGRESS TOWARDS INTEGRATION WHICH HAS BEEN VIRTUALLY SUSPENDED FOR THE PAST THREE OR FOUR YEARS. HE SAID THE MEMBER COUNTRIES ARE PREPARED FOR A GREATER DEGREE OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND THAT NEW MEASURES WOULD BE TAKEN FOR THE EXPANSION OF TRADE. THERE WOULD BE MORE VERSATILITY IN THE PROCESS. THIS WOULD INCLUDE GREATER FREEDOM FOR BILATERAL ARRANGEMENTS WITHIN THE LAFTA FRAMEWORK. SUCH BILATERAL ARRANGEMENTS COULD INCLUDE SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN ANDEAN PACT (AS A SINGLE ENTITY) AND OTHER LAFTA COUNTRIES. HE ADDED THAT THE FORMATION OF A COMMON MARKET WAS STILL MANY YEARS AWAY BUT THIS MEETING MADE PROGRESS IN THAT DIRECTION.

3. EMBASSY WILL SEND BY AIRGRAM COMMENTS ON THE FINAL DECLARATION OF THE MEETING.
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